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SUBJECT: IV PROGRAM FREE TRADE UNIONS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

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BEIRUT'S IV PROGRAM FOR FY-74 INCLUDES GRANT
FOR ONLY ONE LABOR LEADER, I.E.,
JEAN JAWAL, AGE 41, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
LABOR CONFEDERATION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF
THE ELEVATOR AND AIRCONDITIONING WORKERS UNION. AS
JAWAL HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT A TRIP TO THE US,
IT WOULD SEEM NEITHER PRACTICABLE NOR PRUDENT TO MAKE
CHANGES AT THIS TIME. ON THE OTHER HAND, JAWAL WOULD BE
IN A POSITION TO TIME HIS STAY IN THE US TO COINCIDE
WITH FREE TRADE UNION PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD OBVIOUSLY
RENDER HIS VISIT EVEN MORE PROFITABLE. ACCORDINGLY
WHILE WE THINK PRESENCE OF KHOURY (WHO HAS BEEN TO THE
STATES ONCE) AND/OR SACRE (SEVERAL TRIPS) WOULD BE
MORE ADVISABLE IN THE CONTEXT OF GREATER INFLUENCE IN
LOCAL LABOR CIRCLES (IF EITHER WERE IN FACT
FREE AT THE TIME), SENDING JAWAL, IT WOULD SEEM, WOULD BE
THE BEST SOLUTION IN LIGHT OF PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES,
UNLESS OF COURSE IT WERE POSSIBLE TO INCREASE LEBANON'S
IV FY-74 ALLOTMENT TO ALLOW FOR A SECOND LABOR LEADER
GRANT. IF IV FY 74 ALLOTMENT COULD BE INCREASED, WE WOULD
RECOMMEND THAT KHOURY AND SACR BE INVITED IN THAT ORDER.

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WE DO NOT ADVISE INVITING THEM TO ATTEND AT THEIR OWN

EXPENSE. KHOURY WOULD NEED AN INTERPRETER.

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